

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly incorporated into an electrical device comprising:

a connector module having a connector port, a connector port holder and an electrical connection between said connector port and a circuit in said electrical device, wherein said connector port holder encloses through direct contact the region where said connector port is attached to said electrical connection and includes a locking tab;

a bracket incorporated into said electrical device which receives said connector port holder, wherein said bracket has a port hole through which said connector port is inserted and a locking tab hole through which said locking tab is inserted.

2. (Currently amended) The connector assembly of claim 1 wherein said electrical device is a computer, said electrical connection is a wire and said connector port is used for computer input or output.

3. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 2 further comprising of plurality of connector ports and locking tabs.

4 (Original). The connector assembly of claim 3 wherein said connector ports include a USB port, a high speed communications port, an audio port and a video port.

5. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 1 wherein said connector port holder is constructed of a hard, heat resistant plastic.

6. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 5 wherein said plastic is acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene or poly vinyl chloride overmolded over polyethylene.

7. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 5 wherein said connector port holder is constructed of two halves.

8. (Currently Amended) The connector assembly of claim 7 wherein said connector port holder halves are joined together around said region where said connector port is attached to said electrical connection through ultrasonic welding.

9. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 1 wherein said locking tab is at the end of a movable cantilever strip and includes an inclined leading edge.

10. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 1 wherein said bracket is constructed of metal.

11. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 10 wherein said bracket includes a metal extension which electromagnetically contacts to an adjacent electrical component.

12. (Original) The connector assembly of claim 10 wherein said connector port holder includes a metal tab which electromagnetically contacts both said connector port and said metal bracket.

13. (Currently Amended) An input/output connector assembly incorporated into a computer comprising:

a plurality of connector modules each having a connector port for the input or output of electrical signals, a connector port holder and an electrical connection between said connector port and a circuit in said computer, wherein each of said connector port holders encloses through direct contact the region where a connector port is attached to an electrical connection and includes a plurality of locking tabs;

a metal bracket incorporated into said computer which firmly receives each said connector port holder, wherein said bracket has a plurality of port holes through which said connector ports are inserted and a plurality of locking tab holes through which said locking tabs are inserted.

14. (Original) The input/output connector assembly of claim 13 wherein said connector port holder is constructed in two halves from acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene.

15. (Original) The input/output connector assembly of claim 13 wherein said plurality of connector ports includes two USB ports, an IEEE 1394 high speed communications port, an audio in port, an audio out port, a microphone port, an RCA video port and an S-video port.

16. (Original) The input/output connector assembly of claim 13 wherein said bracket includes a metal extension which electromagnetically connects to an adjacent electrical component and a metal tab on at least one of said connector port holders which electromagnetically contacts both said connector port and said metal bracket.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling an input or output connector port onto a computer comprising:

- selecting a metal bracket which has a port hole for receiving a connector port and a locking tab hole;

- attaching an input or output connector port to one end of an electrical wire;

- inserting said connector port into a plastic connector port holder which includes a locking tab at the end of a movable cantilever strip;

- inserting said connector port holder into said bracket so that said connector port protrudes through said connector port hole and said locking tab protrudes through said locking tab hole;

- connecting said metal bracket to a chassis within said computer; and,

- connecting the other end of said electrical wire to an appropriate circuit within said computer.

18. (Withdrawn) The assembly method of claim 17 further comprising a plurality of port holes, connector ports, connector port holders and locking tabs.

19. (Withdrawn) The assembly method of claim 18 wherein said connector ports include a USB port, a high speed communications port, an audio port and a video port.

20. (Withdrawn) The assembly method of claim 18 wherein said connector port holders are formed by injection molding said holder in two halves from a hard, heat resistant plastic, placing said connection port attached to said wire between said two connector port holder halves and then joining the two connector port holder halves together through ultrasonic welding.

21. (Withdrawn) An input/output connector assembly constructed by the method of claim 17.